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Philippine Guidelines on Bio-fuel Feedstock Production and Bio-fuel Blends

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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The Guidelines aim to encourage private sector participation "to institute mechanisms, which will fast-track investments in the bio-fuels industry. They also provide for the creation of a temporary "One-Stop Shop" under the supervision of the National Bio-fuels Board to facilitate and expedite the processing of certificates, licenses, permits and other

documentary requirements from government agencies related to the bio-fuels industry. Additionally, the Guidelines outline the rules on the conversion of agricultural lands into bio-fuel production sites.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) will play a key role in the use of agricultural lands for bio-fuel feedstock purposes, as specified in the Guidelines. In general terms, a DA certification is required attesting to the eligibility of a proposed area for feedstock production. The Guidelines specify the criteria for DA certification; the exemptions; as well as the scope and coverage of the DA certification.

The full text of Joint Administrative Order No. 2008-1, Series of 2008 is provided in the following link:

<http://www.doe.gov.ph/Laws%20and%20Issuances/JAO%20No.%202008-1.pdf>